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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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GROWTH IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the there has been a remarkable growth in clinical research in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any shortage of trained professionals to boost clinical research in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the clinical research requirements in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): There has been a remarkable growth in clinical research in India in the last two years as India is recognized as center for clinical research by the developed countries due to its strategic advantage of trained manpower, well equipped hospitals, patient population and matured and growing pharmaceutical industry.

(c): This Ministry does not have specific information with respect to number of trained manpower required for clinical research activities in the country. Some figures indicating a requirement of 10,000-12,000 trained manpower are quoted by experts in their various presentations at seminars and workshops. The figures are also quoted by some of the institutions that are undertaking training programmes for clinical research.

(d): Does not arise.